

On the policy and management side, my new NIO for Warning chairs an interagency Working Group on Warning*. Substantively, working through and directing the other NIOs, he will have responsibility for deciding of what to warn and to whom, when to do it, and how. He will be assisted by a DoD officer. Among the NIO for Warning's present priorities are:

- overseeing the shakedown period of a new monthly cycle of NIO-Community consultations on warning, followed by NIOs' communications to me describing which situations or trends in their various areas of responsibility warrant special attention in the ensuing one to three months; this process will place special emphasis on improving the warning discipline for political intelligence;

- reviving and modifying as appropriate the Alert Memorandum as a key mechanism for conveying warning to senior consumers;

* Membership: DIA/Vice Director for Production; CIA/NFAC, Chief Requirements and Evaluation Staff; State/INR, Chief, Political/Military Affairs; NSA, Chief, "V" Group; Associate Deputy to the DCI for Collection Tasking. A representative of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy is sitting in on the Working Group's initial definitional phase. Other participants may be included from time to time as the agenda indicates.